

SAID the Rev. Dr. Swift last week:

When the County Court was in session recently * * * an effort was made to get Judge Gay to withdraw his suit for writ of mandamus which he sought in the Court of Appeals, authorizing him as Presiding Judge, through his agents, to inspect the books of the County Treasurer and County Clerk. This the Judge refused to do for several reasons, one of which was that if he would withdraw the suit he would have to pay the costs and another being that should he withdraw the suit those seeking an honest and complete audit of the books would be at the mercy of those who appear so desperate in preventing an expert audit. Judge Gay then made a proposition to the other two members of the Court, who call themselves Democrats, that they select a bonded expert accountant and that Judge Gay select one and that the Court contract with the two to make an expert audit of the county books. That certainly was a fair, square, honorable proposition but the other members of the court refused to do anything of the kind but instead made a contract with two young men whose names are Wm. Edgar, Jr., and J. P. Foard. The young gentlemen are now attempting to audit the books.

It is tedious to follow mendacity in its twistings and turnings. Who asked Judge Gay to withdraw his mandamus suit? Both Reyburn and Jones deny having made such request, but say that Judge Gay, on the bench, proffered that if they would pay the costs and permit him to name one of the auditors he would withdraw his mandamus suit—he was "tired of the whole blankety-blank business and wished it was in Hades"—only he used the shorter and less classical term. Of course he wanted the court to let him name one of the auditors to be appointed, for this would relieve the howlers from "putting up" for the pay of such auditor, and saddle the burden upon the county. As it now stands, if the Court of Appeals issues the writ of mandamus and Mr. Hays or one of his ilk is called upon to audit the books, the county is not responsible for his pay—he can paw all over the books and reach any result desired, but the patriots hiring him will have to foot the bill—a consumption they most devoutly do not wish. In fact, this is the pin-point that penetrates: the Rev. Dr. and his pure and guileless pals are h—l on reform, but shrink in disgust from its cost. They say to the tax-payer, "We'll reform; you pay!" But the Rev. Dr. doubts both the ability and the fair purpose of Messrs. Foard and Edgar—one a Republican and the other a Democrat. Very well; doubt and ultimate faith are sometimes successive when the search for truth is honest. When these gentlemen get through with the audit they will invite inspection and criticism of their method and findings, and do not fear scrutiny by the most expert and most highly certified auditors in the State. And their confidence is well grounded, for theirs will be an honest accounting in intent—not a juggling of figures to serve partisan purposes. I take it when their report is submitted it will verify itself to all fair-minded citizens. It seems, however, that the Rev. Dr. considers himself a more or less expert accountant, and as such is dissatisfied with the way these gentlemen have begun their work. He says:

Their evident ignorance of the art of auditing the county books is apparent when they begin an audit in the collector's office. No auditor who knew his business would commence in that office. Herein he differs from Mr. Wharton of Haskins & Sells, but I presume there is disagreement between expert accountants as is the case in all trades and professions. To me, outside the expert pale, the absurdity of the Rev. Dr.'s contention seems too apparent for comment other than that—to do a little paraphrasing—assurance rushes in where knowledge treads with circumspection. Where, Oh where, would the Rev. Dr. begin? He appears now to hanker for Haskins & Sells; a short time ago he wasn't so sure that that firm's services were desirable. Whence this change of heart? Is it because curvy, very non-partisan Governor gave his certificate and promised the faithful here that he would acquaint the proposed accountants, before they came, "with the conditions in Iron county"? Conditions of which he knows nothing except as advised by an unscrupulous bunch of political self-seekers as ever discredited any community. In brief, an honest accounting is what our county officials most desire, and this will be had; and I am certain that when it is had it ought to put to shame those who, in hope of partisan advantage, have been tra-

ducing unoffending men and besmirching the fair name of our county. "It's a dirty bird that be-fouls its own nest."

Don't fail to call and inspect the fine stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Hats at Lopez Store Co. The hats are beautiful in the extreme and the price is right.

Sabula News.

Cool and pleasant this morning. C. Collins and wife went to Ironton on No. 10 this morning to transact business. Mrs. A. F. Blanton and son, Roy, of De Soto, visited relatives in Sabula a few days, returning home this morning. Miss Ada Barger, of Ironton, visited the Misses Lewis on Carver last week. Miss Stella Dunn is visiting relatives on Carver. Mrs. Hall went to Brunot with her baby to the doctor. Mrs. Luther Miller is quite ill at this writing. Miss Lessie Stevenson returned to her home at Brunot after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Noma Dunn.

The young folks of Sabula were entertained at a strawberry supper Sunday evening by Robert Rood and sister, Miss Letta. All report a good time. Bro. Cox filled his regular appointment here the second Sunday. There will be services every second Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30. Everyone come and try to be on time. Quite a crowd of friends and relatives of Aunt Sallie and Uncle Le Roy Dunn, with well filled baskets went in on a surprise to the old couple, the occasion in honor of their wedding day, May 6th being the 56th anniversary of their wedding. They are about as old a couple as there is in Iron county. May they live to enjoy many more happy wedding anniversaries.

There will be a strawberry and ice cream festival given in the church yard next Saturday night, May 27th, at Sabula, to raise funds for painting the church. Everybody is cordially invited to come. MARTHA.

Men's Spring Suits at Brown's from \$5.70 to \$17.00.

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From Goodland.

Farmers are busy with their crops and trying to repair damages caused by the late storm. We hoped for a refreshing rain on Sunday but failed to get it. Oats and meadows both need rain badly. W. B. Brooks took a load of hogs to Belgrade Monday. Mr. Farmer is on the sick list. Jno. Mosier, of near Belgrade, made a trip to Goodland lately. Rev. Pryor, of Flat River, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Esther Martin, of Huza, visited her father, John Mayfield, last week.

Our new neighbor, Mr. Happer, is busy farming on the W. H. Smith place.

Aunt Josephine Adams was at church last Sunday. G. G. Adams is quite ill. Dr. Adams has returned home from Tolu where he spent a week with relatives. He attended the funeral of the murdered man and his daughter.

F. M. Adams and son made a business trip to Lesterville last week.

Mrs. Edyth Eaton and children, Lyle and Mildred, of St. Louis, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Lou Short and children lately spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Mayberry, at Goodwater.

The young daughter of Price Goggin is very sick with malarial fever.

Dr. Barton and family went to St. Louis last week to attend the graduating exercises of a dental college where his brother is a student.

Mrs. Frank Troutman is convalescing after a long illness.

The Bixby school district has been divided and Dr. Henderson and Miss Elese Payne have been employed as Teachers. M. E. Henderson will teach the White Oak school.

Miss Beulah Wade completed her term of school at Pine Grove last Friday. The pupils gave a nice entertainment, consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations and a box supper.

Sunday School and church were well attended on Sunday. The interest grows with each Sabbath.

Joshua Bays of Tolu was a visitor at Dr. Adams' Saturday.

T. R. Terry has the finest ginseng farm in this county.

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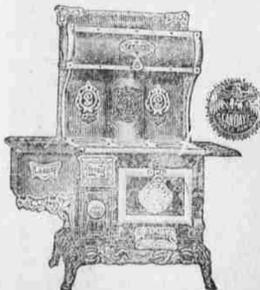


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